Process of tax realization

†*327. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to introduce any scheme for improving the process of tax realization;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the total amount involved in tax related disputes; and

(d) the details of the efforts made by Government for the realization of the disputed amount?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN): (a) and (b) Action to improve tax realization is a continuous process. Steps currently being taken include widening of tax base through the one by six scheme to over 4,300 towns, close monitoring of imports and excise checks to prevent evasion.

(c) As on 30th June, 2001, the amount involved in central excise related disputes is Rs. 9287.66 crore at adjudication stage, and Rs. 8271.52 crore as arrears of confirmed demands. In respect of customs duty, Rs. 1937.12 crore is pending at adjudication stage, and Rs. 2498.57 crore is pending as arrears of confirmed demands. The total amount of Income Tax demands outstanding as on 31st March, 2001 are Rs. 59,425.17 crore. Out of this demand, the demands stayed/kept in abeyance, which includes demands stayed by courts/Settlement Commission/Income Tax Appellate Tribunal/ Income Tax authorities, is Rs. 31,197.82 crore.

(d) High priority is given to the work of collection/reduction of arrear demand and appropriate administrative, legal and other measures are taken to recover the same. Request is made to the concerned appellate authorities for early disposal of the cases. Wherever the recovery proceedings are stayed by the courts, steps are initiated to get the stays vacated. Coercive measures are also taken in suitable cases for speedy recovery of demand. In bigger cases, dossiers are maintained and the recovery position is reviewed regularly.

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